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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

### **NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

This Office Action is in response to the reply filed October 8, 2002.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on October 8, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The prior Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, indicated that the proposed drawing correction filed May 28, 2002 was approved and that, as a result, Applicant was required to submit corrected drawings incorporating the approved proposed corrections (See Page 2 of the Office Action as well as Item 11 on the Office Action Summary PTO-326 form).

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christy L. Novacek whose telephone number is (703) 308-5840. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 7:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on (703) 308-4905. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

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